

REMARKS

This is a response to the final Office Action of December 8, 2006 and the Advisory Action of February 1, 2007. Claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 14-17, 19, 21, 23, 27-29, 32, 34, 37, 39, 40, 41-47, 50, and 52-64 are pending. Claims 53-64 are newly added.

Since the response to the final Office Action was not entered, the amendments and claim identifiers are reflective of the non-entry of the response.

In the Final Office Action of December 8, 2006, Examiner allowed claims 15-17, 19, 21, 23, 27-29, 32, 37 and 42-47. The Examiner objected to Claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 14, 34, 39, 40, 41, 50, and 52 but indicated that these claims would be allowed if placed in independent form. The Applicant placed these claims in independent form. Finally, the Examiner rejected Claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 25, 26, 33, 49, and 51. These claims have been canceled without prejudice to reclaiming the subject matter therein in a subsequent application.

In the Advisory Action as well as a brief interview conducted, the Examiner expressed concern that the preambles of the above objected-to claims as well as claim 44 recite an intended use of the coating and not the actual device or coating itself. As discussed in the interview, the preambles of the objected claims have been amended to "a medical device comprising a coating" form a "coating for a medical device." Applicant assumes that this change adequately addresses the Examiner's objection.

Applicant believes that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Removal of any rejections/objections is respectfully requested.

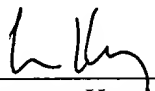
CONCLUSION

No new matter has been added and all cancellations have been made merely to expedite prosecution of the application. Accordingly, Applicant reserves the right to continue pursuing previously presented arguments in any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (415) 954-0345.

Date: March 8, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.
One Maritime Plaza, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94111
Telephone (415) 954-0323
Facsimile (415) 393-9887



Cameron Kerrigan
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 44,826